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Our employees live and work in the same communities you do. Every month, we will be sharing a story of one of our teammates with you. They might be your neighbor, or that guy on the trail running with his dog, or that gal sitting next to you cheering for the high school team. These are the same people who greet you when you call Animal Supply Company, or deliver orders to your store – and we couldn't be more proud of them. We are Animal Supply Company and we are local everywhere.



The Walther Family

Derek Walther Has a Need for Speed

Derek Walther

TEAM
Warehouse Supervisor

HOMETOWN
Cibolo, TX

Top Gun is Derek Walther's favorite movie and if he had a Bucket List, flying a fighter jet would be at the top of the list. "My dad was in the military so I grew up on bases and used to watch the jets take off from the side of the runway," Derek said. "I have always been fascinated with fighter jets and flying in one has always been a dream of mine."

When he's not dreaming of flying fighter jets, Derek is the Day Shift Supervisor in our Shertz Distribution Center. He establishes and maintains a smooth warehouse operation by providing supervision and support to warehouse associates and other supervisors.



Moxxi & Dixxi!

Derek has worked in the Shertz Distribution Center for 12 years alongside some of the same people he started with.

"I like the atmosphere and the close-knit relationship with everyone," he said. "A lot of us here are kind of like family."

One of Derek's favorite things to do is to spend time with his personal family, which includes wife Whitney and children Tannen and Aisley.

"We enjoy going to the zoo or Sea World. I love to play golf and work around the house," he said.

The family also loves playing with their 2 beagles, sisters Moxxi and Dixxi, and their 11-year-old cat Piper. "Moxxi and Dixxi were adopted when they were 6 months old," Derek said. "Piper was part of the package when marrying my wife," he added with a grin.

On weekends, when he has the time, he enjoys watching golf and football and cheering on the Houston Texans. "I grew up outside of Houston in a little town called Alvin, Texas, which also happens to

be the home of Nolan Ryan," was his explanation for why he roots for the Texans.

Derek and his family make their home in Cibolo, Texas. He has a 5-mile commute, which he loves. They chose Cibolo because it is a small suburb of San Antonio with excellent schools. They love to support their local businesses and Catalanos Pizza is one of their favorite places to eat out.

Another perk of living in Cibolo is that he is just 8 miles from Randolph Air Force Base, which provides lots of opportunities to watch his beloved fighter jets when they practice maneuvers. And, when the jets aren't flying, there's always Top Gun to satisfy "the need, for speed."

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